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The reform of 1861 had in view, primarily, to stabilize the financial position of the nobility. Serfdom did not pay. It is important to note that the state was itself the largest single land-owner. It rented out to the peasants millions of acres of land. The private lands of the imperial family, the appanage lands, were almost quite as extensive. The Char's government undertook to improve its own affairs and those of the landed nobility, the agrarian interests of both being identical. The peasants were freed from serfdom obligations and allotted land which they had to redeem through annual payments for a period of forty-nine years.

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closely bound up with the general revolute the territory of the compune was fixed. The government of Alexander II retained the communal character of land tenure and superimposed upon the commune administrative and judicial functions. Its chief function was to collect taxes and redemption payments, and this made the collection of payments easy for a government.

The commune had within itself a crude form of self-government. Every male adult was a member of the mir and participated in its deliberations. IThe term "mir," frequently occurring in English, refers to the administrative membership of the commune, or to the popular council. The Russian for commune as a social group is obshchina.] The mir directed the reapportionment of communal land among its members, the renting or acquisition by

governing the use of the land shall be determined and periodically re-vised by the local organs of self-gov-ernment and under the control of the higher bodies of self-government.

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self-government. There is already talk in agrarian circles about a minimum and maximum labor norm, i. e., peas-ents should be permitted to retain their lands if they do not exceed the maxi-mum area that can be cultivated with-out hired help. There is no doubt that some such scheme will be adopted, and

and its terms made more liberal. The government was now anxious to break up the commune. It was a splendid school for solidarity and concerted action against the government. Egress from the commune was greatly encouraged. The pensantry became still more stratified. The landlessness of the large masses of the population became still more acute.

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gress of Peasants, which me two car-dinal points on the question. (1) All private rural estates are to be con-fiscated. (2) All land in Russia is to become national property.

The Backbone

development of rural cooperation.

"That the title to the use of land by individuals as well as by collective bodies shall be guaranteed by special, juridical norms and shall be based on civic equality of all the citizens of the country.

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What of Britain's North Sea Fleet?

Zest Into Work as They Await Orders

to Fight.

By Arthur S. Draper

ONDON, Dec. 5.-A mammoth

brass buttons on his sleeve for the mildly; it was much more than that. same reason older people tie a piece same reason older people tie a piece of string around their fingers to remember they have something in their pockets, are mere boys when they have their career which often leads was the british navy.

It is no reflection on the Royal Navy to say that prior to Jutland the Germockets, are mere boys when they have been their career which often leads with something of the contempt that pockets, are mere boys when they with something of the contempt that begin their career, which often leads the Kaiser had for "Britain's contempt."

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to rows and rows of gold lace and a long streamer from the masthead.

At thirty-five they have spent a fair lifetime in the Royal Navy and the lifetime in the Royal Navy and the lifetime in the Royal Navy and the lossons in the Battle of Jutland lessons in the Bat

bution of the population, etc.

The execution of the socialization plan would encounter another great difficulty. The black earth provinces contain considerable numbers of landed peasants (variously estimated at one-fourth to one-third of the entire peasant of the politicians; they have pondered over the words antry of the section), who would be the net losers in the new scheme. A peasant owning fifty acrea would be loath to deposit his land into the national land fund and get only a half of it as a fief from the government. It is easier to confiscate one estate of 10,000 acres than to deprive a thousand farmers of even a small portion of their land. Though these petty landowners will have no large representation in the Constituent Assembly, they will certainly not be a negligible of the socialization plan would encounter another great the field of fighting; they have been impatient; they have thought long and hard. The encounter impatient; they have thought long and hard. The social side of the morthistic of them on this side of the morthistic of the morthistic of the morthistic of the morthist of the politicians; they have been impatient; they have thought long and hard. The social side of the German navy had been annihilated it is a question whether the United States would now be fighting in Europe, whether Russia would have been in the thross of anarchy, whether Italy would have been written about Julland, but the full story has not been told. Fresh bits of the work of the American destroyer fiotilla operation of the politicians; they have speculated of the politicians; they have speculated of the politicians; they have thought long and hard. The summent on the Grand Fleet United States would now officers—most of them on this side of the United States would now of the United States would now of the United States would now officers—most of the morthis day which is unknown in the Grand Fleet United States would now officers—whether Russia in Europe, whether the United States would now officers—what is a quest

All Ranks Have Deen Regard for Jellicoe and Beatty - Nav More Powerful Than Ever.

are the trench raids of the sea. Pe every hundred square miles of No Man's Land in France there are then

By N. Buchwold Vinning.

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skipper seemed too darned reassuring

admire the work of the American destroyers, the Grand Fleet's chief interest centres in the ships of the larger types. Up in the northern harbor they are awaiting the arrival of the first of the American battleships. They want to see one of Uncle Sam's latest productions. They want her for companionship. They don't need American dreadnoughts for action, for there is some limit to the size of a fleet beyond which it becomes unwieldy.

Some of America's biggest ships around these waters would make for added morale, would give additional security in case there was a big gamble which didn't come off, would make victory doubly sure, as the saying goes.

Sims and His Men pounders have been tried under all sorts of conditions; battleships have manneeuvred defensively while submarines and destroyers made realistic attacks upon them. Never satisfied but always improving, the navy has gone on preparing.

dreds of millions of acres are involved.
Old agrarian relations are completely
to be wrecked. The landed aristocracy
is to disappear entirely. An unprecedented scheme of equality of income
for four-fifths of the population of the
country is to be put into operation.
At best it will be the grandest object
lesson the world has ever beheld. the read. It was a long chase, but I escaped them.

"The gest of my men were captured. At each head and an ambanded and wiped out. It was the only eight of the heard as one of their high. The read of the heart as one of their high. The read of the heart as one of their high. The read of the heart as one of their high. The read of the heart as one of their high. The read of the heart as one of the heart as one of their high. The read of the heart as one of the he

in' Piccadilly 'bus, and I was out with my best girl on a joy ride."

I mumbled my apologies and the form relapsed into silence. Then the muddy Tommy on the stretcher began to mumble. Atwell asked him if he wanted anything. With a howl of rage he answered:

"Of all the bloody nerve—do I want anything?—only a bloody pair or crutches, a dish of fish and chips' and a glawss of stout."

I mumbled my apologies and the poor amateur, but he did not feei just satisfied. He arranged the hands dagain, placing them down at the sides of the poor amateur's legs. Then he told him to keep them there. Then he stepped up quickly and hit the poor amateur a whale of a blow in the face and knocked him clear across the stage and into the wings. It was filled burlesque in a \$2 theatre. She will come and where she has planned to come.

What happens when German agents even partially convince a goodly number of the poor amateur as whale of a blow in the stepped up quickly and hit the stepped up quickly and hit the stepped up quickly and hit the stepped into silence. Then he stepped up quickly and hit the stepped into silence. Then he stepped up quickly and hit the stepped into silence. Then he stepped up quickly and hit the stepped to come.

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Advisors.

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By Ellis Parker Butler

CLEAN, unadulterated nonsense can always get a laugh from me. I love it, and so do most Meer and Fields seriously acted nonsense that always left me gasping for breath. It was the silliest, most inconsequential bit of acting that genius ever dared to put in a show that cost the spectator \$2 a seat. It was a prizefight between Weber and Fields, and one of those matchless comedians showed the other how to do it. They

To Our Existence

Germany a Menace

to create civil war if possible. They would use German money to throw us into the state poor Russia finds here self in to-day. Then Germany would strike defenceless South America.

She Would Grasp

A Vast Domain

It is my honest belief that Germany has has fouted our rights and she continues to do so. She was a measure to our existence before the warm that has had for many years two alternative plans for conquest. From Berling she has drawn two lines, one to the southeast through Spain to South America. She hoped England would do the Weber-Fields act and keep her hands down while German armies stunned France, and then she would leap on the Orient and grasp a vast dominion there. England did not keep her hands down. She is not ettirely a fool. That plant failed. It seems hopeless now.

The other plan Germany will try the moment she makes peace and gets her breath, if her agents can persuade us to keep our hands down.

out a word, went out of the dugout "Blime me, get 'is bloomin' napper and left him alone. I was thinking of out a th' mud; 'e's chokin' to death. "whiz-bang" or "Minnie" came over, we